

Allen Owen, Mayor
Eunice Reiter, Mayor Pro Tem
Jerry Wyatt, Councilmember
Barbara Gibson, Councilmember



Buddy Jimerson, Councilmember
Brett Kolaja, Councilmember
Cynthia Gary, Councilmember
Caroline Kelley, City Attorney
Frank Simpson, City Manager
Patrice Fogarty, City Secretary

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

City Council of the City of Missouri City, Texas, met in special session **Monday, May 4, 2009**, at **6:00 p.m.** at City Hall, Second Floor (Behind Council Chambers), 1522 Texas Parkway, Missouri City, Texas, to consider the following:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Owen called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Those also present: Mayor Pro Tem Reiter, Councilmembers Wyatt, Jimerson, Gary and Gibson; City Manager Simpson, City Attorney Kelley and City Secretary Fogarty. Assistant City Manager Atkinson, First Assistant City Attorney Smith, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Elmer, Director of Parks and Recreation Snook. Also present: John Hightower, City's Attorney. Absent: Councilmember Kolaja.

2. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:10 p.m., Council convened in closed executive session pursuant to chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, for the following reason:

Texas Government Code, Section 551.072 -- Deliberation regarding the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property: property within the Quail Valley Subdivision: golf course.

3. CONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

Council reconvened into open session at 6:33 pm. No action taken.

4. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

(a) Review and discuss **Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010**, including General Fund and Capital Improvement Projects.

City Manager Simpson presented an overview on the Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 and the impact of the current economy on the City. He stated the way the budget is prepared, it will not place the City in a bind next year. City Manager Simpson added that although the personnel section of the budget did increase this year, it was no problem as cuts were made in other areas. He further added that the City's fund balance is healthy and within policy; in fact the City will be higher about \$800,000 from what was budgeted for Wednesday, July 1, 2009. Mayor Owen inquired on how the current rates compare to the City's current rate for the bond and suggested looking into refinancing the rates. City Manager Simpson stated, bank monitors and will contact the City when the rates change. He reminded Council that Thursday, May 7, 2009 is the first meeting of the Budget Committee. Mayor Owen inquired if there was a compromise over the sales tax bill that deals with a store location. City Manager Simpson stated it does not affect the City as of today.

(b) Consider and discuss the **creation of a local government corporation** for the operational and management of the **Quail Valley Golf Course**.

This item is also on the regular City Council meeting agenda but was briefly discussed. City Manager Simpson presented an overview on what this item entails. He stated that the intent is for the Golf Course to have its own operating budget as of Wednesday, July 1, 2009. Currently City Attorney Kelley is researching if all current contracts the Golf Course has can be transferred or assigned to the corporation. Mayor Owen inquired if any assets were gained in this corporation. City Manager Simpson responded that if any assets were obtained and the corporation dissolves, then these assets become part of the City.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.